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For:	PYRIDINE AND RELATED LIGAND COMPOUNDS, FUNCTIONALIZED NANOPARTICULATE COMPOSITES AND METHODS OF PREPARATION	)

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RULE 131 DECLARATION OF HABIB SKAFF

1. I, Habib Skaff, am a co-inventor with regard to the invention (the "Invention") disclosed and claimed in the above-entitled application (the "Application"). I make this declaration in support of the Application and, in particular, to antedate a reference cited against the Application.

2. The Invention claimed in the Application was completed before the effective date of application serial number 10/219,440 (*i.e.*, the Dubertret

reference). More specifically, the Invention was conceived and with due diligence reduced to practice, in this country--the United States of America, prior to the effective date of the Dubertret reference.

3. This Declaration, and prior invention, is supported by copies of pertinent pages from my laboratory research notebook, entries to which I contemporaneously signed and dated and were witnessed by co-inventor, Todd S. Emrick. Date redacted copies of the aforementioned notebook pages are provided collectively as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. These documents establish that the Invention was made at least as early as June 1, 2002, which is a date earlier than the effective date of the Dubertret reference. Without limitation, facts demonstrating prior invention of a composite of independent claim 1 include the experimental data I entered on page 37 of Exhibit A. Facts demonstrating prior invention of a system of independent claim 14 include the experimental data I entered on page 37 of a Exhibit A. Facts demonstrating prior invention of a method of independent claim 20 include the experimental data I entered on page 38 of Exhibit A.

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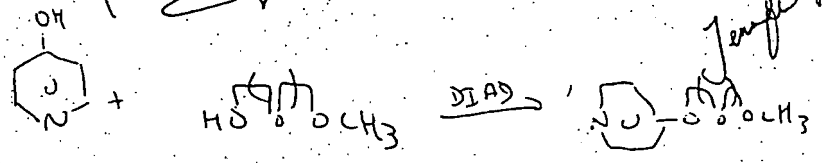
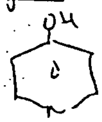


Reagents

95 ①  2g, 0.022 mol

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750 ② m-Pg 750 14.25g, 0.019 mol

262 ③ Ph_3P 6.28g, 0.024 mol

202 ④ DIAD 4.84g, 0.024 mol (4.72 mL)

⑤ THF (dry) ~~300mL~~ 250 mL

Procedure

① Ph_3P + THF loaded into 2-neck flask & stirred under N_2 @ r.t.

② DIAD added via syringe & stirred for ½ hr.

③ phenol & alcohol added & stirred

④ reacted over night

⑤ rotavaped off THF

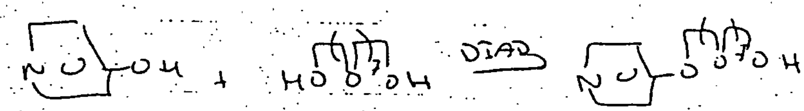
⑥ added H_2O & ether ⇒ washed w/ ether

⑦ extracted product out w/ CH_2Cl_2 out of Aq phase ⇒ $MgSO_4$, Rotovap

⇒ NMR show some [structure] ⇒ trying redissolving in diluted basic (.5M NaOH) solution & precipitating into CH_2Cl_2 (cold) work

⇒ ran column eluting w/ CH_2Cl_2 : ? : MeOH (7:3:0), (7:2:1)

Exhibit A



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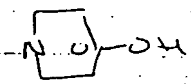
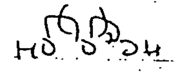
95 ①  & 2g, 0.011mol

400 ②  22g, 0.055mol

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202 ③ DIAD 2.63g, 2.55mL 0.013mol

262 ④ Ph_3P 3.41g, 0.013

⑤ THF (dry) ~~DIAD~~ 300mL

Procedure

① Ph_3P + THF loaded into 3-neck 500mL roundbottom & stirred @ r.t under N_2

② DIAD added via syringe & stirred for ½ hr

③ phenol & ~~[illegible]~~ diol added & stirred

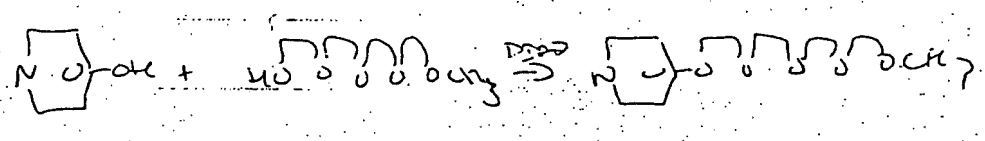
→ reacted over night

- rotavaped off all THF → note

- extracted w/ H_2O → then aqueous washed w/ CH_2Cl_2 → too difficult to purify by column

→ rotavaped off CH_2Cl_2 ⇒ dissolved in H_2O, washed w/ ether, then Toluene ⇒ doesn't work well

→ try ~~[illegible]~~ acidifying aqueous to make pyridine salt which will not be soluble in



Reagents

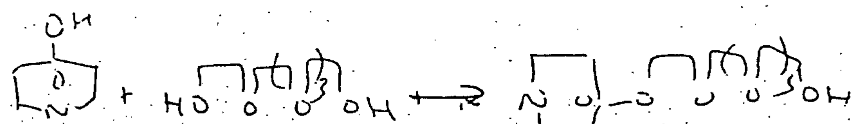
95 ①		5 g,	0.055 g mol
128 ②	m-Tyr	5.632 g,	0.044 mol
262 ③	Ph_3P	13.1 g	0.05 mol
202 ④	DIAD	10.1 g,	0.05 mol, 9.85 mL
⑤	THF (dry)	~~75 mL~~	400 mL

Procedure

① ~~CS~~ Ph_3P & THF loaded into 2-neck flask & stirred under N_2 @ r.t.

② DIA added via syringe & stirred for ½ hr.

③ phenol & alcohol added & stirred overnight



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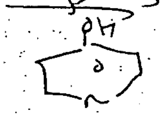
95 ①  4g, 0.042mol

300 ② Heg 31.58g, 0.105mol

262 ③ Ph_3P 13.1g ~~0.045~~ 0.05 mol

(=1.025) 202 ④ DIAD 10.1g, 0.05mol, ~~10.33mL~~ 9.85mL

⑤ THF 500mL

Procedure

① phenol, Ph_3P, DIAD, & THF loaded in 2-neck & stirred @ r.t. under N_2 for ½ hr.

② diol added ⇒ stirred overnight

rotavaped off THF
⇒ hexane/$CHCl_3$ ② $CHCl_3$: hex (80:20) ③ ~~$CHCl_3$~~ $CHCl_3$: hex : MeOH (75:20:5)
→ ran column eluting w/ ④ $CHCl_3$: hex : MeOH (7:2:1)

⇒ tried distilling off unreacted diol @ ~~180~~ 224°C @ @ 600 mtorr ⇒ didn't work well

⇒ ran column in $CHCl_3$: hex : MeOH (78:20:2), (75:20:5), (80:20:10)

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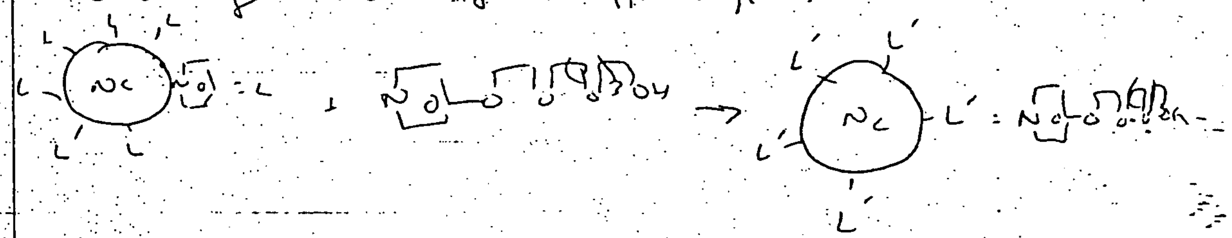
Exchange to tetra-monopyridinyl ether



Reagent

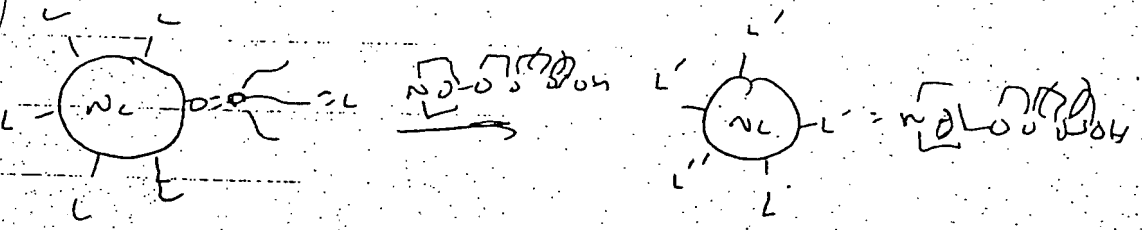
1) pyridine NC ~40mg
2)  600mg
3) THF (dry) 3mL
4) DIW 6mL

Procedure

A) ① 20mg NC dispersed in solution of 300mg new ligand in THF → immediately went it into solution
② dried under N_2 flow and added 3mL DIW → ~~some~~ most went into solution → centrifuged

B) ③ 20mg NC dispersed in solution of 300mg new ligand in 3mL DIW → NC went into solution → centrifuged

Jennifer L. [illegible]



Reagents

1. TOPO covered NC ~15mg
2. [illegible] 320 mg
3. THF (dry) 3mL

Procedure

1. NC made as usual & washed w/ MeOH 3 times
2. dried over N_2 flow
3. redissolved in new ligand in THF and allowed to stand over head of N_2 overnight
4. distilled at ½ THF → precipitated w/ hexane → all NC precipitated
5. washed w/ hexanes → centrifuged → redissolved in H_2O

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